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2008/8. Draft country programme documents

(documents E/ICEF/2008/P/L.4 – E/ICEF/2008/P/L.12 and Corr.1)

The Executive Board

Approves the aggregate indicative budget for the following country programmes of cooperation:

Region/country	*Period*	*Regular resources*	*Other resources*	*Document E/ICEF/2008*
West and Central Africa				
Benin	2009-2013	23 107 500	36 900 000	P/L.4 & Corr.1
Republic of Congo	2009-2013	5 634 000	25 000 000	P/L.5
Niger	2009-2013	84 672 000	80 000 000	P/L.6
Nigeria	2009-2012	152 960 400	302 690 000	P/L.7 & Corr.1
The Americas and the Caribbean				
Ecuador	2009	690 300	5 000 000	P/L.8
Guatemala	2009	801 900	4 619 500	P/L.9 & Corr.1
South Asia				
Afghanistan	2009	30 168 900	60 884 000	P/L.10 & Corr.1
Pakistan	2009-2010	28 683 000	86 700 000	P/L.11
Middle East and North Africa				
Sudan	2009-2012	30 427 000	240 000 000	P/L.12 & Corr.1

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2008/9. Recommendation for approval of additional other resources for approved country programmes

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Approves a total of $251,230,000 in other resources for approved country programmes for the twenty-seven countries listed in the table below (document E/ICEF/2008/P/L.13) for the remaining periods of these programmes, subject to the availability of other resources contributions.

Proposed increases to other resources (OR) ceilings for approved country programmes for 2008

(In United States dollars)

Region/Country	*Document E/ICEF*	*Programme duration*	*Approved OR ceiling (A)*	*OR allotments to date*	*Additional OR to be approved (B)*	*Total OR ceiling (A+B)*
Eastern and Southern Africa						
Botswana	2007/P/L.40	2008-2009	4 000 000	3 188 870	2 000 000	6 000 000
Burundi	2007/P/L.4	2008-2008	7 930 000	8 975 500	6 570 000	14 500 000
Namibia	2005/P/L.1 and Corr.1	2006-2010	21 665 000	7 241 000	6 000 000	27 665 000

Region/Country	*Document E/ICEF*	*Programme duration*	*Approved OR ceiling (A)*	*OR allotments to date*	*Additional OR to be approved (B)*	*Total OR ceiling (A+B)*
Somalia	2007/P/L.39	2008-2009	48 000 000	29 035 760	12 000 000	60 000 000
Swaziland	2005/P/L.30 and Corr.1	2006-2010	21 250 000	17 908 730	15 000 000	36 250 000
West and Central Africa						
Burkina Faso	2005/P/L.3	2006-2010	40 500 000	17 915 240	20 000 000	60 500 000
Côte d'Ivoire	2007/P/L.10	2008	15 000 000	17 260 500	14 000 000	29 000 000
Gabon	2006/P/L.8	2007-2011	4 160 000	1 826 750	5 050 000	9 210 000
Mauritania	2002/P/L.7	2003-2008	18 000 000	15 145 450	3 000 000	21 000 000
Nigeria	2007/P/L.12	2008	49 000 000	53 385 430	17 500 000	66 500 000
The Americas and the Caribbean						
Haiti	2007/P/L.50	2008	12 200 000	10 077 000	4 950 000	17 150 000
Honduras	2006/P/L.47	2007-2011	9 745 000	4 949 660	14 000 000	23 745 000
Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	2007/P/L.48	2008	1 890 000	2 411 320	1 900 000	3 790 000
Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States						
Albania	2005/P/L.13	2006-2010	12 000 000	10 181 580	4 500 000	16 500 000
Armenia	2004/P/L.10	2005-2009	5 069 000	4 190 385	1 000 000	6 069 000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2004/P/L.12/Rev.1	2005-2008	13 000 000	10 312 170	2 000 000	15 000 000
Georgia	2005/P/L.16	2006-2010	6 000 000	5 788 774	4 000 000	10 000 000
Montenegro	2006/P/L.60	2007-2009	2 000 000	1 176 400	1 000 000	3 000 000
Romania	2004/P/L.15	2005-2009	11 615 000	8 634 700	3 385 000	15 000 000
Turkey	2005/P/L.18	2006-2010	25 000 000	15 891 170	15 000 000	40 000 000
East Asia and Pacific						
Cambodia	2005/P/L.7	2006-2010	68 970 000	60 406 340	4 940 000	73 910 000
China	2005/P/L.8	2006-2010	40 000 000	31 294 590	42 000 000	82 000 000
Myanmar	2005/P/L.9	2006-2010	65 000 000	58 162 500	28 000 000	93 000 000
Timor-Leste	2007/P/L.18	2008	10 000 000	9 856 650	11 000 000	21 000 000
South Asia					85 940 000	
Maldives	2007/P/L.21	2008-2010	3 000 000	785 853	1 784 000	4 784 000
Middle East and North Africa						
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	2004/P/L.21	2005-2009	9 000 000	9 158 000	4 780 000	13 780 000
Morocco	2006/P/L.21	2007-2011	11 000 000	9 415 623	5 871 000	16 871 000
Total increase					**251 230 000**	

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2008/10. Evaluation of gender policy implementation in UNICEF: planned follow-up action

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* gender equality as one of the cross-cutting strategies of the medium-term strategic plan of UNICEF;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of periodic evaluations of the implementation of policies related to gender equality, one of the cross-cutting strategies of the medium-term strategic plan, in order to improve performance in this area;

3. *Expresses* concern about the shortcomings identified in the evaluation report;

4. *Requests* UNICEF to present to the Executive Board at its first regular session of 2009 a management response to all recommendations of the evaluation of gender policy implementation in UNICEF, including actions and time frames for completion;

5. *Also requests* UNICEF to ensure and track timely implementation of the evaluation recommendations in accordance with the management response and to develop a tracking and monitoring framework to measure progress in implementation;

6. *Further requests* UNICEF to track and monitor both allocations and expenditures for gender equality results as part of its results-based management approach;

7. *Requests* that the annual report of the Executive Director include reporting on progress in achieving gender equality results, particularly at the outcome and impact levels, as an integral element.

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2008/11. Annual report of the Executive Director

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan (E/ICEF/2008/10);

2. *Welcomes* the continued progress made by UNICEF in strengthening strategic focus and partnerships to support accelerated national and international efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and other national and internationally agreed goals for the well-being of children;

3. *Recognizes* that many countries still face challenges in the five focus areas, and in this regard urges UNICEF to continue to strengthen its support to these countries, in particular in developing national capacities, with a view to tackling the remaining challenges;

4. *Appreciates* the overview provided by the annual report of outcomes and results of activities undertaken by UNICEF and its partners in the five focus areas of the medium-term strategic plan, takes note of the accompanying data companion,

which provides detailed, updated information on key trends and indicators, and requests that this report be presented with the subsequent annual reports of the Executive Director;

5. *Stresses* the importance of the annual report as a key part of UNICEF reporting to the Executive Board on results and outcomes in the implementation of the medium-term strategic plan, and looks forward to the report at the second regular session of 2008 on the midterm review;

6. *Requests* UNICEF to give high priority in the annual report to providing information and analysis on key challenges in achieving results in each focus area to support acceleration in progress towards critical goals and targets for children, especially in the countries facing the greatest challenges in achieving the goals and targets;

7. *Calls upon* UNICEF to continue to improve performance across the management performance indicators, and urges UNICEF to improve the proportion of recruitment of regular and emergency posts completed within ninety days;

8. *Welcomes* the ten initiatives aimed at improving organizational effectiveness, and requests UNICEF to provide a conference room paper on the implications and impact of the ongoing ten initiatives on improving organizational performance at the first regular session of 2009.

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2008/12. The UNICEF child protection strategy in support of the medium-term strategic plan

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* the medium-term strategic plan as the guiding framework for all areas of UNICEF programming;

2. *Endorses* the UNICEF Child Protection Strategy (E/ICEF/2008/5/Rev.1) as the UNICEF support strategy document for programmes and actions in support of child protection, developed for the implementation of the medium-term strategic plan;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that UNICEF increases its efforts to further develop national capacities to improve outcomes related to child protection, as outlined in this support strategy for the medium-term strategic plan.

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